

## Entry 3 – Word order

English has strict rules about the order in which words can appear in a sentence.

Study the rules below.

	Rules and examples
verb + object	In a sentence, the <b>verb</b> and the <b>object</b> usually go together: I <u>found</u> <u>my keys</u> . I <u>found</u> (verb) <u>my keys</u> (object). I never <u>meet</u> <u>my friends</u> during the week. Can you <u>see</u> <u>me</u> now?
place + time	We usually put <b>place</b> and <b>time</b> together after the <b>object</b> : I found my keys <u>at work</u> <u>this morning</u> . I found <u>my keys</u> (object) <u>at work</u> (place) <u>this morning</u> (time). I'm staying <u>at home</u> <u>tonight</u> . I've never been <u>to Russia</u> <u>during winter</u> . We can also put <b>time</b> at the beginning of the sentence: <u>Tonight</u> I'm staying at home.

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indirect object with 'to'	We usually put the <b>direct object</b> before the <b>indirect object with 'to'</b> : I sent <u>the email</u> <u>to her</u> <u>this morning</u> . I sent <u>the email</u> (direct object) <u>to her</u> (indirect object with 'to') <u>this morning</u> .
indirect object without 'to'	We usually put the <b>direct object</b> after an <b>indirect object without 'to'</b> : I sent <u>her</u> <u>the email</u> . I sent <u>her</u> (indirect object without 'to') <u>the email</u> (direct object).

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## 1. Practice - Time and place

Complete each sentence :

1. I (have lived / for 5 years / here). I have lived here for 5 years.
2. (English / have been learning / for a year / in Japan).  
They .....
3. (on Saturday / Andrew / invite / to your party)?  
Are you going to .....
4. (to work / yesterday / didn't go).  
Debbie.....
5. (a new laptop / bought / at the computer store / last week).  
I .....
6. (every day / your Facebook profile / check)?  
Do you .....?
7. (on Friday / the children / took / to the amusement park).  
We .....
8. (the same pair of jeans / has been wearing / for years).  
Nick .....
9. (at the moment / a new cinema / in my town / are building).  
They .....

## 2. Practice - Direct/Indirect object

Rewrite the sentences below in a different way:

1. I wrote my mother an email this morning. I wrote an email to my mother this morning.
2. I lent some money to him. ....
3. I offered him some wine, but he refused. ....
4. She didn't give enough time to her students.  
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5. Can you pass the salt to me, please? .....
6. Sarah has been giving piano lessons to Paul. ....
7. Send a text to her. She might reply. ....